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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

OF FIVE (5) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO

OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF

Dear Sir:

An Office Action dated September 7, 2001, was received in the above identified Application which set a time for response of one (1) months from the date thereof, requiring that a response be filed on or before October 7, 2001. Under 35 U.S.C. Section 133, the maximum period set for response is six (6) months.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL NO. ET585283771US in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on March 7, 2002.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), the undersigned elects to extend the shortened statutory time from response by five (5) months, which extends the response date from October 7, 2001 to March 7, 2002. The Small Entity Fee set in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(5) for responding five (5) months beyond the shortened statutory time for response is \$980.00. A check for \$980.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Based on the above, the shortened statutory time for reply is extended five (5) months to March 7, 2002, by filing this Petition for an extension of time prior to or with the response due herein and payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(5).

Respectfully submitted,

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